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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In re Application of: Robert L. Clarke, et al

Attorney Docket No.: KCX-459 (16596)

Serial No.: 10/025,205

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Art Unit: UNKNOWN

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Title: Method and Apparatus for Transporting a Sheet From a Dryer to a Reel

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